

has turned cold and the children lose their attachment for their parents.

Conditions are such, that one can readily lose hope. It seems that with every day conditions grow worse.

However, we must not despair. Let us harken to the story of Abraham's visit to the cave of the Machpelah when for the first time he beheld Adam and Eve. Abraham's inspiration was great when it dawned upon him so clearly that from just one man a whole world was populated. His own faith grew in might when he realized that one person may influence a whole generation and bring good or evil upon the world. And so we see that from one Abraham the whole of the Jewish people arose. True we are only like "Aivorim shepoku", blistered, but we are still on the Altar together with those who are still pure and unblemished and according to the "Din" law, we are still eligible for holiness.

It is still time to erect battlements "Maakeh", a protective railing to guard our young, to place a fence about the Vineyard of Israel. Let us turn around and go back to our original start. To the Creator, our Lord and Master. We have none other to turn to. Let those of us who assume the responsibility as shepherds of Israel, the "Shlomai emunai yisroel" observe the precept "L'asaik bedivrai Torah." The Torah must become our only interest. We must discard all other interests and concentrate upon the Torah. To preach with great zeal, the observance of all precepts of the Torah. We have no other remedy. "Ki haim cha-yainu", "these precepts are our very life", in this way we shall become re-established. We must battle in the name of the Lord and such a battle requires sacrifices, special sacrifices, for the Torah. It is true, there are some who are ready for self sacrifice in the name of ideals, for the Jewish nation, for Palestine. But, there are "Dinim", specific laws and regulations covering the practice of sacrifices. Not every sacrifice is considered as proper. A sacrifice, in order to be considered as proper and effective, must be pure and unadulterated, without imperfections and without blemish. A sacrifice which is a "M'chusor aiver", crippled, lacking only the most insignificant joint or organ is considered as improper even when the sacrifice is a dove. And such a sacrifice, when placed on the Altar inadvertently, must be removed from the Altar.

We may point to the great sacrifices of the past. Such tre-